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PART THE FOURTH (DEATH):
THE SWORD-DEVIL APPRO-ACHES

We pray and
By the cord of
Adding his strength to the oarsmen,
Slowly retreat
And the demons...
Benkei rows toward shore
...

And still the vengeful ghost approaches...

UGAH!

HUFF
HUFF
ONLY PART OF HIS BODY CROSSED TIME.
YOU NEED MORE TRAINING, JA'AMI.
UGH
IF YOU CANNOT GRASP THIS NOH, YOU CANNOT LIVE!
LISTEN WELL, JA'AMI!
I CANNOT DANCE SUCH A CRUEL NOH!
FATHER, THIS IS BEYOND ME!

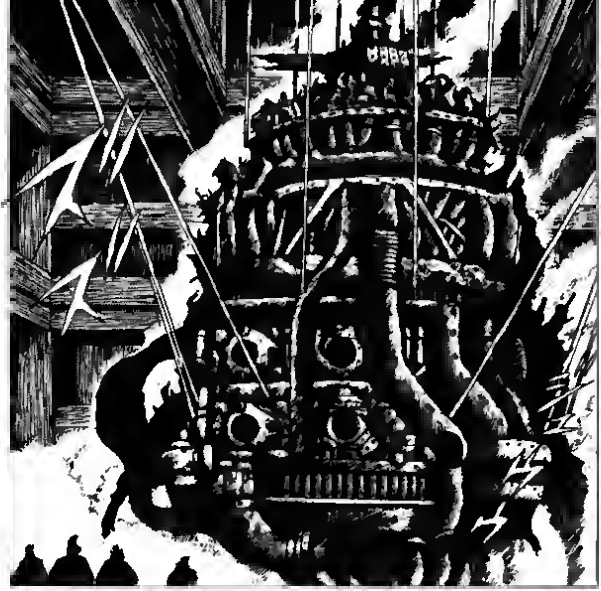
ORDINARY HUMAN BEINGS ARE AS GOOD AS WORMS!
A WARRIOR'S HEART OR A NOH PLAYER'S SPIRIT NO LONGER HOLD ANY MEANING
IT IS ONLY BECAUSE WE POSSESS UNIQUE SKILLS THAT WE CAN SURVIVE IN THIS ERA
ONLY BECAUSE OUR ANCESTOR, ZEAMI BEQUEATHED US NOH THAT TRANSCENDS TIME!
UNDERSTAND, JA'AMI? IN THIS ERA, WE CAN SURVIVE
FWA!
HARSH LABOR UNDER-GROUND AWAITS US, NO DIFFERENT FROM THE COMMON MAN
IF OUR SHADOW NOH CANNOT TRANSCEND TIME,
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO MAKE OUR ART USEFUL TO THE LORDS OF THE SHINOBI, THE TOKUGAWA SHOGUNS!
NOW THE SHINOBI REIGN SUPREME!

AH...
AHH...
AHHH!

WAAAAAAAAH!
UNH!
UNCLE!
WE'RE ON YAGYU LAND IN THE YAGYU MANOR.
BE AT EASE
WHERE AM I?

CHIKUAMI, WHY AM I...?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING?
YES
YAGYU LAND...
CAN YOU TELL US WHAT THAT MEANS...?
TWO EDO PERIODS...
FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE YES
DID I, PERHAPS SUCCEED IN TRANSCENDING TIME IN THE OTHER EDO PERIOD?
LORD JUBE! ISN'T HERE RIGHT NOW!
YOU'LL OPEN YOUR WOUNDS!
YOU MUST NOT MOVE!
THEN WHY DID YOUR PEOPLE INTERFERE IN OUR OWN?
URK!
IF THERE ARE MULTIPLE EDO PERIODS
WHERE IS YAGYU JUBEI!?
JUBEI!!

WE SAW TWO YAGYU JUBEIS SLAYING OUR ERA. OUR EDO!
WE SAW IT...
AH!?
WHAT SECRETS!? UNCLE!? SIR JA'AMI!?
WE MUST KILL JUBEI BEFORE HE LEARNS THE SECRETS!
TO KILL... YAGYU... JUBEI...
ONE BY ONE... THEY'LL FOLLOW MY MENTAL TRAIL...
THEY ARE COMING



NEVER SEEN A THING LIKE THIS BEFORE.
NEVER EVEN HEARD OF IT...
MMM.
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS CONTRAPTION, SAKUZO?

WE'VE BEEN CONSIDERING AT THE ARMS WORKS OURSELVES.
STEAM?
SEEMS LIKE IT PROBABALY USES STEAM TO MOVE.
WE CAN'T DO MUCH.
BUT EVEN WITH ALL OF THIS
HEAVE-HO! HEAVE-HO!
HUH?
THOSE GUYS MUST'VE GONE TO SOME OTHER TIME AND STOLEN THE TECHNOLOGY!
NOBODY IS EVEN THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS NOW...
IF YOU TOLD US TO MAKE SOMETHING LIKE THIS IT WOULD TAKE YEARS...

A GOOD WEAPON DOES NOT NECESSARILY MAKE YOU STRONG
A WEAPON IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE ONE WHO WIELDS IT!
HAH
THINK I'VE GOT A CHANCE OF BEATING GUYS LIKE THAT IN A FIGHT?
WE'VE GOT A NEW WEAPON I WOULD LIKE YOU TO SEE, LORD JUBEI!
HAHA!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE MADE SOMETHING INTERESTING AGAIN.

WHAT IS THIS?
HAHA! THIS IS A PROTOTYPE OF OUR SECRET WEAPON!
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IN THE EVENT THEY DO SHOW UP...
WE'VE GOT QUITE THE SURPRISE WAITING FOR THEM!

HM?
THIS SMELL... YOU!?!
HUH?
LOOKS LIKE THE SECRET WEAPON I ORDERED WAS ARRIVED AS WELL...
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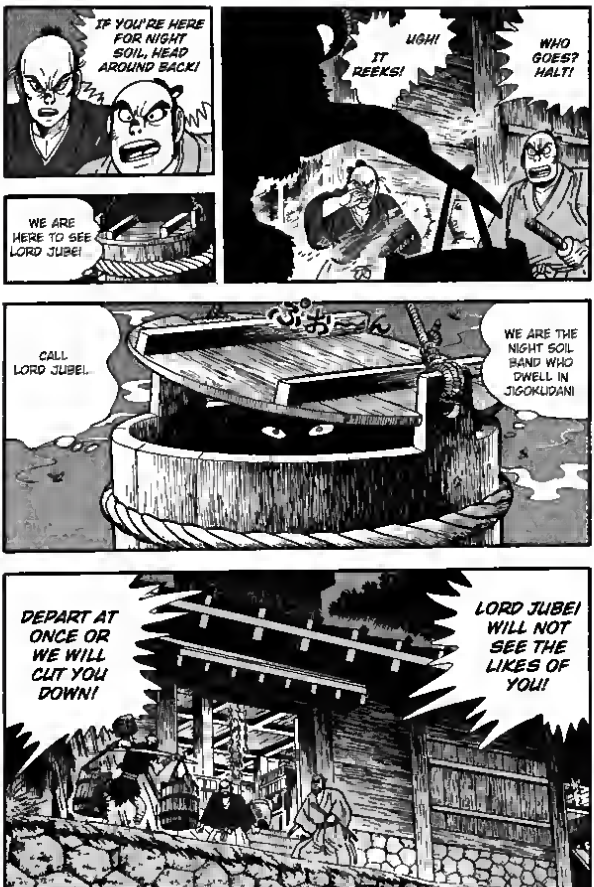
IF YOU'RE HERE FOR NIGHT SOIL, HEAD AROUND BACK!
WE ARE HERE TO SEE LORD JUBEI
UGH! IT REEKS!
WHO GOES? HALT!
CALL LORD JUBEI.
WE ARE THE NIGHT SOIL BAND WHO DWELL IN JIGOKUDANI
DEPART AT ONCE OR WE WILL CUT YOU DOWN!
LORD JUBEI WILL NOT SEE THE LIKES OF YOU!

KEKE!
KE KE!
KE!
KEKE!
WHY YOU!
AH!
IMPUDENCE!
OOF!
UGGH!

!?
AG!
WAH!
IT'S SHIT!!
AH!
LORD JUBEI!
NO ONE'S EVER FOUGHT THEM AND DIED CLEAN.
AND LEECHES!
LEECHES AND SHIT!
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SO MANY FLIES!
FLIES!
AH!
OH!
WELCOME NIGHT SOIL BAND!
THEY'RE A TRUST-WORTHY BUNCH!
YOU... KNOW LORD JUBEI?
AT A SUMMONS FROM YOU, LORD JUBEI, WE WOULD GO TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE NIGHT SOIL BAND HAVE COME TO CALL!

WHAT IS IT !?
HM !?

EEP!

UGEEH!

YAAAA
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GGGGGGH
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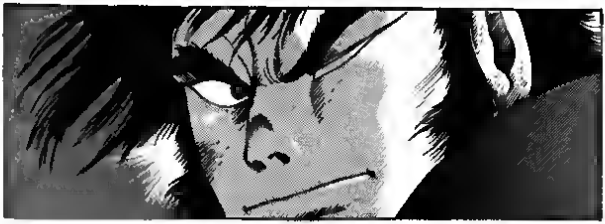
UGGGG
GGGGGG

THE SWORD-DEVIL RAMABUTSU HAS COME FOR YAGYU JUBEI'S LIFE!



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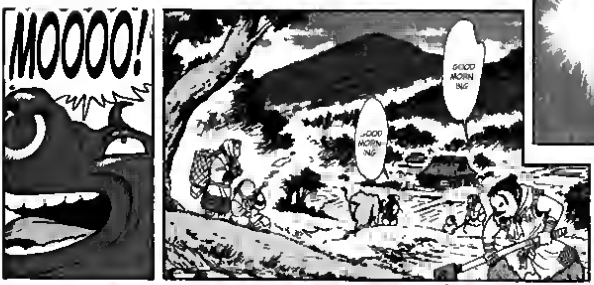
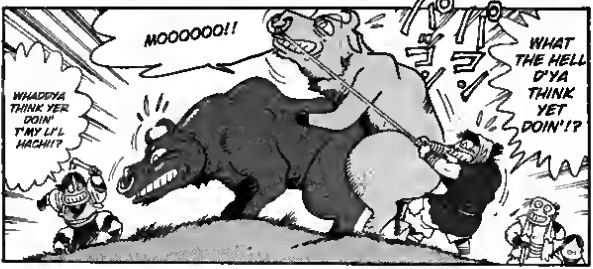
HOW DOES IT SUIT YOU?
IT LOOKS LIKE MY NEW WEAPON WILL COME IN HANDY SOONER THAN I THOUGHT.
HUH?

PART THE FIFTH BOTH KENPOU AND NINPOU





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AHHH!
AHH!
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